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Letter of Recommendation for Orb Management

I just wanted to take a few moments to express our gratitude for the services Orb Management provided to the YMCA as the Construction Manager on our recently completed 56,000 square foot facility. The entire staff team was extremely professional, knowledgeable in all facets of the project process and construction management. I always knew that Orb Management had the YMCA's best interest in mind at all times and appreciated the degree with which they communicated during our 2 plus year relationship. Additionally, the culture that was established on the construction site and the emphasis placed on relationship management helped create a great work environment. We could not be more pleased at the quality of our facility and the great work provided by all trades under Orb Management's guidance.

A strong factor in the success of Orb Management was the important role Tom Wacholz (President of Orb Management) played in the process. Tom is considered one of the founding fathers of the YMCA in Alexandria and his knowledge of the YMCA (history, mission, philosophy, membership, facilities, programming, etc.) helped facilitate the entire success of our project due to his knowledge of the YMCA. Tom and Orb Management understand the YMCA and share the important role that ethics and character play.

As we move forward with Phase II Construction of our YMCA, we are confident that we will once again have a tremendous experience with our architect and contractors due to the work atmosphere and close attention to quality and results paid by Orb Management.

Tom and Orb Management understand all aspects of facility planning, design and construction management...combined with their vast knowledge of the YMCA, lay a great foundation for success.

I would highly recommend Orb Management to YMCA's that are looking into capital development. YMCA staff and volunteers typically are not as construction savvy as we would like to be....it is reassuring to know that Orb Management always had our best interest at heart.

Sincerely,

Jeff Bartholomew
Executive Director